



Listing of Claims

1 (currently amended). A method for providing status information from a mobile unit, comprising the steps of:

~~comparing, at a mobile unit, current status data with the last broadcast status data;~~
~~determining a broadcast status criteria report interval wherein based upon the a~~
broadcast status criteria that includes a plurality of predetermined programmable criterions
wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote
commands;

~~transmitting current status data at the report interval the current status data based~~
~~upon the broadcast status criteria;~~

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~~receiving the current status data at a host system;~~
~~storing the current status data;~~
~~receiving a request for the status information;~~
~~retrieving the current status data from storage on the host system; and~~
~~providing the status information based upon the stored current status data.~~

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2 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if an external power source is currently connected to the intelligent mobile unit.

3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if an external sensor has changed status.

4 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if the mobile unit has entered or exited a predetermined geographical zone.

5 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if the mobile unit has triggered a preset alarm.

6 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has exceeded a predetermined speed limit.

7 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has exited a geographically defined zone.

8 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has moved during a predetermined time period.

9. (cancelled).

10 (currently amended). A system for providing status information from a mobile unit, comprising:

A | an all-inclusive container with a connector for an external power source;
 an internal power supply chargeable by the external power source;
 an internal global positioning receiver connected to the internal power supply;
 an internal processor coupled to the global positioning receiver wherein the processor determines a broadcast criteria based—based upon a plurality of programmable criterions wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote commands;

upon if external power is available;

 internal memory coupled to the processor wherein the memory stores the the programmable criterions and associated report intervals; broadcast criteria;

 an internal radio modem coupled to the processor operable to receive remote commands to alter the programmable criterions and associated report intervals; and

 an internal antenna coupled to the radio modem.

11 (currently amended). A system for providing status information from an intelligent mobile unit, comprising:

an all-in-one box mobile unit comprising:

a container with an external power source connection and at least one external sensor signal connection comprising:

an internal power supply chargeable by the external power source;

an internal global positioning receiver connected to the internal power supply;

an internal processor coupled to the global positioning receiver wherein the processor transmits current status data based upon a plurality of programmable criterions wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote commands;

~~based upon a broadcast status criteria;~~

~~internal memory coupled to the processor wherein the memory stores the programmable criterions and associated report intervals~~~~broadcast status criteria;~~

an internal radio modem coupled to the processor operable to receive remote commands to alter the programmable criterions and associated report intervals; and

an internal antenna coupled to the radio modem;

a wireless network wherein the wireless network receives wireless data packets transmitted from the radio modem;

a host system that receives data packets from the wireless network and stores the data packet information on a storage mechanism;

a global computer network for delivering a status request to the host system wherein the global computer network delivers the status information based upon the stored data packet information.

12-19. (cancelled).